

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK			
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1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

To provide information to Committee to allow consideration of two applications for Section 10 funding.

2. Background

2.1. The criteria applied to funding new applications has been previously endorsed by Committee and are detailed below:

- **Performance/Quality, Value for Money:** consideration of quality services which represent good value for the Section 10 monies provided to the organisations concerned.
- **Direct Services:** recognising the need to support voluntary organisations who provide direct services to individuals and care groups which would otherwise require the Social Work Department to provide substitute services.
- **Provision of Local Services:** continued support to local organisations who provide worthwhile local services which benefit individuals and local communities.
- **Continuity:** providing ongoing support to organisations which are currently funded through Section 10.
- **Scope for Growth:** recognising the opportunities for creating new and meaningful provisions for the citizens of North Lanarkshire in the field of social welfare.
- **Overall Funds:** taking account of the total money which is available to the Social Work Department for Section 10 funding.

2.2. The two applications for Section 10 funding are from the North Lanarkshire Forum on Disability (an existing grant holder) and the Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society (first time application). A summary of the assessment and recommendation for each application is provided in Appendix 1

2.3. The application from the North Lanarkshire Disability Forum is for £11,833 to meet a shortfall in revenue funding to cover some staffing and property costs up until 31st March 2005.

2.4. The application from the Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society is seeking a capital grant towards the cost of fitting out a kitchen area within new community facilities being completed within the new Mosque at Mossend and revenue funds to meet transport costs of bringing older people to the facility. The total application is for £15,000

3. Financial/Personnel/Legal/Policy Implications

3.1. The Section 10 budget for this financial year is £430,653. Committee has already agreed commitments of £408,887 at previous meetings leaving a current balance of £21,766.

- 3.2. Should the recommendations to provide grant funding of £8,000 to the North Lanarkshire Disability Forum and £10,000 to the Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society, as outlined in Appendix 1, be approved this will leave a balance of £4,419 within the Section 10 budget.
- 3.3. As agreed at the last Committee where Section 10 funding is the main source of funds for meeting staffing costs for the organisations in receipt of 3 year funding agreements an increase in annual grant level in line with the Local Government pay settlement will be made. This is currently estimated around £4,000. Given this further commitment on the budget this year's Section 10 Budget will now be fully committed.
- 3.4. The Council's Race Equality Scheme and Action Plan, as part of the Council's general duty to promote good race relations, has identified a number of actions to build the capacity of black and ethnic minority community organisations. These include providing access to grant funding.
- 3.5. Social Work and Community Services staff have organised two grant funding workshops in conjunction with BEMIS (Black & Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland), which is the national umbrella organisation for black and ethnic minority voluntary sector organisations. The first workshop took place on the 2nd September 2004 and focused on grant funding available through North Lanarkshire Council and also an introduction to Community Planning. The second event is being held on the 7th October 2004 and will involve external funding sources such as "the Big Lottery", Lloyds TSB and BBC Children in Need.
- 3.6. The above actions and grant recommendation is a reflection of the Department's commitment to meet the Council's General Duty to promote good race relations in respect of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. The committee is requested to:
 - I. Agree to the recommendations for the provision of Section 10 funding of £8,000 to North Lanarkshire Disability Forum and £10,000 to the Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society, as outlined in Appendix 1.
 - II. To note the organisation and delivery of funding workshops for black and ethnic minority voluntary organisations.
 - III. To otherwise note the report.



Director of Social Work
13 October 2004

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APPENDIX 1**SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

Project	Purpose of Grant Requested	Assessment and Recommendation
10/2004 North Lanarkshire Disability Forum	The organisation has applied for a grant of £11,833 to meet a shortfall in revenue costs to cover the salary of part time admin/information worker until 31 st March 2005 and meet property costs (rental of premises)	<p>The Forum has an established track record in respect of both its' campaigning and advocacy work on behalf of disabled people in North Lanarkshire. The Forum is currently expanding this role through its active involvement in the user and carer involvement agenda.</p> <p>The current difficulties have arisen out of the organisation being asked to meet rental costs for the first time for their shop front property in Motherwell. Additionally, there is a significant gap in the groups funding in respect of the administration workers wages and costs.</p> <p><i>It is recommended that this organisation be provided with a grant of £8000.</i></p>
59/2004 Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society	The application is seeking a grant of £15,000 to assist with the cost of fitting out a kitchen area within new community facilities being completed within the new Mosque at Mossend and revenue funds to meet transport costs of bringing elderly to the facility.	<p>This organisation has developed a significant new community resource which will provide a range of social, cultural and educational needs, which will have a particular focus on the welfare needs of the elderly. The organisation has been referred to Community Services for advice on kitchen equipment suitable for their purposes and advised of alternative sources of funding for transport.</p> <p><i>It is recommended that this organisation be provided with a capital grant of £10,000 towards the cost of the kitchen. However the Department would not wish to support the requested transport costs.</i></p>